

SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RELATIVE TO

The "Wilmot Proviso."

FEBRUARY 12, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives upon Federal Relations, to whom were referred so much of the governor's message as relates to the agitation of slavery, and sundry resolutions upon the same subject, beg leave to report the following resolution, as expressing the undivided opinion of this legislature upon the Wilmot Proviso, and all similar violations of the great principle of equality which South Carolina has so long and so ardently maintained should govern the action of the States and the laws of Congress upon all matters affecting the rights and interests of any member of this Union:

Resolved, unanimously, That the time for discussion by the slaveholding States, as to their exclusion from the territory recently acquired from Mexico, has passed, and that this General Assembly, representing the feelings of the State of South Carolina, is prepared to co-operate with her sister States in resisting the application of the principles of the Wilmot Proviso to such territory at any and every hazard.

Resolved, unanimously, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of this report to the governors of each of the States of this Union, and to our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 12, 1848.

Resolved, That the House do agree to the report unanimously.

Ordered, That it be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By order:

T. W. GLOVER, C. H. R.

IN THE SENATE, *December 15, 1848.*

Resolved, That the Senate do unanimously concur in the report.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

By order:

WM. E. MARTIN, C. S.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Columbia, February 1, 1849.

A true copy from the original.

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BEAUFORT T. WATTS,

Secretary.